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All praise is due to Allah, Who strengthens Islam with His support, Who degrades polytheism with His subjugation, directs affairs with His command and Who dupes the unbelievers with His plan, Who has determined the days as cycles with His justice and has granted the [best] outcome for the righteous with His favor, and peace and blessings be upon whom Allah has raised as beacon of Islam with his Dawah, and upon his family and his companions and those who were guided by his guidance. As to what follows;

A new era of rule has begun for the American President Donald Trump, the leader of the new Zionist-Crusader alliance, the arrogant right-winger who was the first president to brazenly declare Muslim city Al-Quds (Jerusalem) the capital of the savage Jewish occupation entity, and his noisy and confrontational policies continue to fight Islam and Muslims and aim to empower Zionist-Crusader hegemony in the world with brazenness and blackmail.

This is not new nor is it overlooked, except that what people often overlook is that the gathering of the disbelievers for us is paralleled by another, persistent gathering of the people of the Ribat and Jihad in the frontiers of glory and work, a gathering that has been irrigated with lives, lengths of life and everything precious, that, for nearly two decades, does not soften to guard the Jihad with a sense of responsibility, patience and hope for reward, pride and certainty, and provides it with everything that strengthens it and prepares it to confront the campaigns of the disbelievers.

This, out of obedience to the command of our Lord, the Almighty, ﴿**And prepare against them whatever you are able of power and of steeds of war by which you may terrify the enemy of Allah and your enemy and others besides them whom you do not know [but] Allah knows. And whatever you spend in the cause of Allah will be fully repaid to you, and you will not be wronged.**﴾[1]

The Reality of Jihad in Africa

It is very unfortunate that most Muslims are ignorant of the reality of Jihad in Africa, where its arm has grown strong and its shadow has extended with the law of the Lord of the worlds, where vast areas have been transformed into an Islamic Emirate that is not defiled by an disbeliever and is not ruled by anything other than what Allah, the Almighty, has revealed. In it, Muslim tribes have united with their sons, the Mujahideen Ansar and their brothers, the Muhajireen, who came from all corners of the Islamic world, to establish the promising edifice of Islam. It is adorned with training and preparation camps that graduate strong men and fighters who love death more than the disbelievers love life, and it prepares the most comprehensive strategies and causes of strength. This is paralleled by a blessed movement of knowledge and Dawah, and efforts in all fields of serving people and societies.

We are talking about long years of diligent work and inheriting the covenant with loyalty and honesty without change, crossed by the processions of the caravans of martyrs, spending in the path of Allah , the Almighty, the flash of swords and the great grace of Allah.

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1 Al-Anfaal: 60

Allah, the Almighty, said, ﴿[And they are] **those who, if We give them authority in the land, establish prayer and give zakah and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. And to Allah belongs the outcome of** [all] **matters.**﴾[2]

It is a story of glory that is being built just as the glories of Islam were built before. The Mujahideen in the Sahel and East Africa, led by the Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM), al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) and Harakat Al-Shabaab Al Mujahideen (HSM), perform Ribat in a majestic row and with iron resolve, united with the Muslim tribes and every free person loyal to his religion and Ummah. They apply the law of Allah, the Almighty, in all parts of these countries. They have defeated the alliances of the disbelieving countries and their hypocritical and apostate followers, and have subdued the rebels and the slanderers. The war strategies followed one after the other, failing and defeated, and incurring heavy losses. All this so that the word of Allah would be the highest, and His law would be the only system of government that would rule the earth, with integrity as our Lord commanded, without excess or deficiency, without exaggeration or negligence. This is the path that the Companions of the Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, followed, humble towards the believers, powerful against the disbelievers, not being seized by the blame of a blamer for [the cause of] Allah.

It is no wonder that the first response to the declaration of the warring leader of disbelief, Trump, "Al-Quds" as the capital of the Zionist occupation entity, was the series of "AL-QUDS WILL NEVER BE JUDAIZED" operations led by the knights of Islam in East Africa, during which they stormed, with all valor and

2 Al-Hajj: 41

heroism, the bases of the American forces and reached the Crusader and Jewish forces deep in their fortifications, killing, slaughtering and inflicting heavy losses on them.

And among the blessings of their pride and their boldness without hesitation or doubt, was that the "Manda Bay" raid on the US Navy base in Lamu, Kenya, and the "Baledogle" raid on the largest US military base in Somalia and other glorious raids entered the history of Muslim conquests.

Then it is no wonder that the "Al-Quds Brigade" of Harakat Al-Shabaab Al Mujahideen, perform Ribat on the mountains of "Tora Bora" in Somalia, in the Golis region in the northeast of the country, where the Mujahideen have been gathering there for about two decades to uphold the word of Allah, the Almighty, and confront the Zionist-Crusader aggression and liberate Bayt al-Maqdis (Jerusalem), with patience, perseverance, dedication, loyalty and certainty, not harmed by those who have depreciated or despised it.

It is no wonder that the heroic acts of the knights of Jihad in Sahel has satisfied the eyes of the believers with legal retribution from the criminal Russian Wagner mercenaries and their apostate lackeys, and they exposed their weakness, and broken their prestige before the world in the land of Sahel, which is difficult for the occupying forces, where people have known the blessings of living under the shadow of the Shari’ah with security, justice and dignity, which the most supportive, backed and internationally recognized regimes have not been able to provide to them. Rather, these regimes were the agents of the international system to kill defenseless Muslims in cold blood with shameful bombardments, deprive them of their rights and prolong their enslavement and persecution for the benefit of the

West disbelievers. All praise is due to Allah who gave people of Jihad the power to repel their aggression, foil their plots and schemes, and enforce legal retribution for every Muslim man and woman who fell victim to their tyranny, and to establish an authority who protects the group of Islam and the place of its authority and the oppressed Muslims.

This is only a small part of the extended giving drenched in blood in this part of the African continent, so that this Ummah may know that it has righteous sons who have divorced the world and everything in it in order to return to its sovereignty through its religion, free, protected and feared. And in order to preserve its honor and dignity, after it has been affected by prostration and weakened by division, and its distance from the law of its Lord has inflicted great losses on it. This Ummah will not die, and just as Allah, the Almighty, used men in the past who were true to Allah, the Almighty, He uses in every era and time men who have sold their souls to their Lord and devoted their religion to their Creator, the Almighty.

Allah, the Almighty, said, ﴿**Among the believers are men true to what they promised Allah. Among them is he who has fulfilled his vow** [to the death]**, and among them is he who awaits** [his chance]**. And they did not alter [the terms of their commitment] by any alteration.**﴾[3]

The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, said,"*A group of my Ummah will continue to uphold the command of Allah, and those who forsake them or oppose them will not harm them until the command of Allah comes, and they are victorious over the people."*[4]

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3 Al-Ahzaab: 23

4 Narrated by Muslim [Sahih Muslim: 1037]

May Allah bless the seeds of the Imam of Jihad, Sheikh Osama bin Laden, and his companions, and may Allah accept them, have mercy on them, be pleased with them and satisfy them, and bless all those who carried the banner after them, without changing, betraying, or being tempted.

What is the new command of Zionist-Crusader alliance planning for Africa?

Trump has not yet revealed his full policy towards the people of Jihad in Africa, but by examining Western reports, we find that the American leadership on this continent faces major and intractable challenges, which is confirmed by specialized researchers.

Daniel Volman is the director of the African Security Research Project in Washington, DC, and a specialist on U.S. military policy toward Africa and African security issues, says, *"The incoming Trump administration is set to pursue an aggressive approach to Africa that will prove challenging for the US Africa Command (Africom), the Pentagon's combatant command for Africa. Trump may have described African nations as "shithole countries" during his first term and largely ignored the continent. But, in his second term, right-wing advisors are determined to transform US national security policy and implement new policies on competing with China, expanding economic relations with African countries, promoting democracy and human rights, and responding to the threat of armed Jihadi insurgent groups."*

Trump's new combat team is expected to focus on the so-called US counterterrorism operations in Africa. Therefore, they will work to expand and escalate these operations on the continent, especially in the Sahel region.

J. Peter Pham, US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, says, *"The epicenter of terrorism has shifted from the Middle Est and North Africa to Sub-Saharan Africa, concentrated in the Sahel region."* So, *"tackling these challenges in a way that is consonant with US interests is not at cross purposes with President Trump's determination to avoid new wars and open-ended commitments to counterinsurgency operations or nation-building exercises."*

This means resuming security cooperation with the military regimes that have seized power in the Sahel, pressuring Sahel states of West Africa to host an increasing number of U.S. troops and increase U.S. military activities, pressuring the French to resume aggressive security intervention in the region, increasing security cooperation with North African states (Morocco, Tunisia, and Libya), and expanding security cooperation with Nigeria. They will likely pretend to ignore the activities of Russian mercenaries – the Africa Corps, formerly known as the Wagner Group – and Russian commercial and economic activities in Africa. As Daniel Volman summarizes, the Trump administration will work to find a way to continue operations against Harakat Al-Shabaab Al Mujahideen in Somalia, the Army of Islam in the Southern Front, that has stymied successive U.S. strategies in East Africa.

What about the Russian and Chinese threat?

It is possible to say that the threat posed by Russia to American interests is arguably more serious in many African countries, besides South Africa, which Trump will fight for its position on the Jewish occupation of Palestine.

Russia works to expand its influence in the Sahel region, displacing the United States and France there and elsewhere, in part by deploying forces under the command of Wagner and the Africa Corps. But the Americans interests

in combating the expansion of Jihadi rule in the region are consistent with the greedy Russian interests in the same region, which means that the competing forces will work to prevent the rise of Islam in Africa, regardless of the competitor at times, and by allowing him at other times or working with him at a third time. Their priority is to prevent the expansion of the comprehensive and independent Islamic system in Africa.

As for competing with China, it is at the top of pyramidal hierarchy of American interests in Trump's agenda, and this is what will make the American president harness all the capabilities in his hand to extend his influence in Africa as a global economic partner, and the race to plunder African wealth will be at its peak in an attempt to prevent China from benefiting from the wealth of the continent that suffers from the betrayal of the defeated and agent leaderships.

Perhaps the most affected by the expected American policy on the continent is Sudan, as it is not expected that the Americans will pay attention to the reality of the conflict in Sudan unless a Jihadi group appears demanding the implementation of Shari'ah, in which case the readiness for military interventions will be expected, as is expected in Nigeria and every country whose regime may fall in favor of the Islamic regime.

What is required in the next stage?

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds. We are talking about the fruits and results of Jihad in Africa. We are talking about establishing centers of Islamic power that are flexible and aware of the size of the challenges and obstacles surrounding them, and aware of the severity of the plots and treachery of warring disbelievers. Therefore, today we actually possess an Islamic

system with its pillars in place, and a feared and extended empowerment that possesses the components and expertise sufficient for its continuation. However, it also requires assistance, support and esteem to fulfill the next stage's right to resistance, conquests, and victory.

These efforts, which are completely far from the interest of the paid media, except in terms of "distortion", "demonization", "misleading" and "depreciation" must be preserved and protected because they are the fortresses and castles of the Ummah that produce for us blessed knights and leaders, who will have an impact, Allah willing, in establishing the Caliphate of Muslims on the Prophetic method, and liberating Al-Quds and every Muslim country that suffers from occupation and hateful hegemony.

This means that:

1 – Muslims must support their Mujahid brothers in Sahel and Somalia, and the first support is to appreciate their efforts in establishing the Shari'ah of Allah, the Almighty, and liberating the country from the filth of occupation, treason and apostasy, and not to be drawn into the false and misleading propaganda that the paid media is spreading to distort the clarity of the scene and the fruits of Ribat in this good land where the history of Islam extends to the Hijra of the Companions, may Allah be pleased with them, and includes the magnificent biographies of leaders and generations of Mujahideen who are loyal to their religion and their Ummah throughout the axis of time and on the map, and who remain an argument against any person who abstains and fails [to perform Jihad].

2 – Able Muslims must extend a helping hand to the Muslim tribes that have chosen to live under the shade of the Shari'ah and have rejected

the man-made laws and imported Western systems and all ignorance, and this is done by extending bridges of trade, economic development, relief projects and charity to strengthen the Islamic rank and the societies that bear the burden of carrying the banner of Islam. And let them enjoy the blessings of working according to an honest Islamic economic system that is pure of usury, corruption, injustice and theft.

3 – The scholars of the Ummah and the students of knowledge must contribute to the prosperity of knowledge, Dawah and educational movement, and strengthen the institutions and institutes of education and teaching in the areas governed by the Shari'ah, and build bridges with the scholars in the frontiers and advise each other for the sake of Allah, and love and compassion each other in order to advance the Ummah and preserve the fruits of Jihad and scholars, and unify their ranks as a single front working to establish the Shari'ah of Allah, the Almighty, on earth and support the oppressed people.

4 – Jihadi and free media professionals must expose the Western and hostile policies, conspiracies, plots and strategies of war on Islam that surround Muslims in the African continent, and warn against being drawn into the misleading and deceptive media propaganda that gives legitimacy to agent regimes and prevents people from the right to be ruled by Islam, even though they are the majority [to want this] according to their miserable democracy. But this means listening to the Mujahideen, Jihadi leaders and peoples who are being deliberately killed by the weapons and bombardments of warring and criminal states, not listening to their opponents and enemies about them.

5 – Honest pens should record the Jihadi experiences in establishing Islamic rule, those experiences led by leaders who have been purified from the greed of panting after the world or the unfair competition for titles of sovereignty. All praise and gratitude is due to Allah, the leaders of Jihad are busy with the fronts, preparation and working with themselves and with everything they own. They are not concerned with appearing in the media or the love of being unequaled in fame, and how can that be when the condition of Muslims and their concerns and the effort to relieve them of injustice and confront the campaigns of the warring disbelievers, have kept them awake.

6 – Ummah's honest energies in various scientific and technical fields should benefit the emerging Islamic Emirates in what serves the subjects and benefits them and helps them. And being aware of the conditions of Muslims and supporting them and sensing their needs is one of the most obligatory duties of doctors, engineers, technicians and every person who has a science and knowledge with which he wants to serve the religion of Allah and the Islamic Ummah. So, by Allah, fulfill the charity of knowledge and work. And the best work is Jihad in the path of Allah, the Almighty.

7 – Muslims everywhere must unite on the Book (the Qur'an) and the Sunnah, reject division and innovation, and remain, as Allah, the Almighty, has commanded, on the Prophetic method and be free from the shackles of fanatical partisan thinking, and greedy selfish individualistic. Rather, people must unite for the benefit of the Ummah and the sovereignty of Islam under the shade of the Shari'ah, and they must not be afflicted by division, tyranny, or deviation from the way of the believers.

8 – Muslims who have not enjoyed a dignified and honorable life under the shade of the Shari'ah must raise their children to love the religion of Allah, the Almighty, and strive to empower it, and even prepare to live under its rule on a future day, Allah willing. The world is changing, the Jihadi support is coming, and the Islamic Ummah is promised elevation and preeminence by religion, and the era of tyrannical rule is in its final stage, Allah willing.

9 – Muslims everywhere must unite their ranks and efforts to liberate Muslim countries from occupation, cut off the ropes of domination [they suffer] and prepare generations to bear the trust, establish the foundation of Islam on earth, independence, and sovereignty with the majestic Islamic identity. With full awareness of the necessity of preserving the fruits of the achievements that were sacrificed with life and money. Indeed, what is coming, even if it is surrounded by dangers from all sides, carries great hope and long-awaited good tidings, watered with pure blood and great sacrifices. Allah, the Almighty, said, ﴿**They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah will perfect His light, although the disbelievers dislike it. It is He who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to manifest it over all religion, although the polytheists dislike it.**﴾[5]

In conclusion

The observer of the situation of the Islamic world finds great interest in the issues of Muslims in Palestine and Syria in terms of media mobilization and mutual advice. And this is good, required and understandable for the position

5 As-Saff: 8-9

of the lands of Sham in the map, history and future of the Islamic world. However, this should not marginalize the issues of Muslims in the continent of Africa and the rest of the world, as the Ummah is one, one body, that rises and stands together, Allah willing. The situation in Sudan, for example, has not received the attention it deserves, although the people of this Muslim country are living through a devastating calamity and are silently enduring bitter tragedies. The same is true of Jihad in Africa, which suffers from neglect, marginalization and indifference that is absolutely unbecoming of the size of the sacrifices made by Muslims on this continent that has produced great Islamic states and kingdoms in the history of the Muslim Ummah, nor is it befitting of the size of its achievements. I fear that there is a kind of contempt or racism in this that Islam has dispelled and fought since the mission of the Prophet, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. Allah, the Almighty, said, ﴿**… Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted.**﴾[6]

The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, said, *"There is no superiority for an Arab over a non-Arab, nor for a non-Arab over an Arab, nor for a red over a black, nor for a black over a red, except by piety."*[7]

Blessed are those who close the gaps and support the believers with sincere application, devotion to religion for Allah and high ambition that is not defeated by any ignorance. Allah, the Almighty, said, ﴿**And why you do not spend in the cause of Allah while to Allah belongs the heritage of the heavens and the earth? Not equal among you are those who spent before the conquest** [of Makkah] **and fought** [and those who did so after it]**. Those are greater**

6 Al-Hujuraat: 13
7 Narrated by Ahmad [Musnad Ahmad: 23489]

in degree than they who spent afterwards and fought. But to all Allah has promised the best [reward]**. And Allah, with what you do, is Acquainted.**﴾[8]

And He, the Almighty, said, ﴿**Here you are – those invited to spend in the cause of Allah - but among you are those who is withhold [out of greed]. And whoever is withholds only withholds** [benefit] **from himself; and Allah is the Free of need, while you are the needy. And if you turn away, He will replace you with another people; then they will not be the likes of you.**﴾[9]

O Allah, make steadfast the Mujahideen in Your path and support them with Your support and with the believers, and establish for them Your law which You have chosen for Your servants, and protect them from the evils of the oppressors, the disbelievers, the hypocrites and the apostates, and make their plots in their throats. O Allah, bless their seeds, their efforts and their Islamic Emirates, and strengthen Islam and the Muslims with them, and make their blessings extend to the end of time and to Bayt al-Maqdis and the truthful promise of Allah (of the Caliphate) on the Prophetic method. O Allah, accept steadfastness, patience, perseverance and martyrdom of every Muhajir and Ansar in Your path. O Allah, make the blood of the martyrs a light that illuminates the path and a fire that burns the enemies. O Allah, make the lives of the people of the fronts examples of guidance and beacons of direction. And join us with the first forerunners, when we are martyrs, sincere and victorious. And all praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds, and may the blessings of Allah be upon our Prophet Muhammad and all his family and companions.

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8 Al-Hadid: 10
9 Muhammad: 38